[Ibuki Satsuki's Comic Collection]




AH... THINGS ARE GETTING CHAOTIC IN TAIYUAN...
HOW DO I FIND THE SCHOOL...?
MISS, THE PLACE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY. THE AUTHORITIES SAID WE SHOULD HEAD FOR THE CITY'S WESTERN SIDE. THE EASTERN SIDE'S TOO CLOSE TO THE FRONTLINE. FIGHTING CAN BREAK OUT ANY TIME THERE...
OH... I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU!
EH?
ISN'T THAT XIAO YU?
AH, THERE'S THAT PERSON TOO
XIAO YU!
Xiaoxiao?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, XIAO YU? YOU, TOO...
Uuu Xiaoxiao!
...AH! DID I MISTAKE YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE? SORRY? EH? IT'S YOU, IS IT NOT?
X-Xiao Yu, where's your sister? Why are you all alone? I heard the eastern part of the city's being evacuated to make way for the defending soldiers. I wanted to go to the s-school western part of the city... yeah.
Xiaoxiao! My elder sister's still outside the city...
Outside the city, we saw bad guys beating up the refugees. My elder sister went to beat them up. She told me to wait inside the city... I-I've waited a long time...
Big brother said he has sent his falcon to search for her...
DON'T CRY. LET'S HEAD TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY FIRST. IT'S DANGEROUS TO WANDER OFF BY YOURSELF, SO JUST FOLLOW ME. DON'T BE ANXIOUS...
THIS SHOULD BE IT...
NO MATTER WHAT, PAY UP FIRST! IF NOT, ANY DISCUSSION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION!
MORTGAGE THE ITEMS IN THE HOUSE! THE DEBT HAS TO BE SETTLED TODAY. OTHERWISE, JUST PREPARE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS! THE COMPOUND'S IN HOT DEMAND AFTER ALL!
DON'T SAY THAT I'M BULLYING YOU! BLAME YOUR TEACHER FOR SKIPPING TOWN!
Our teacher didn't skip town!
Before he left Teacher said the rent's been paid! You're the one who went back on your word,
you big, fat, liar!
LITTLE GIRL! RENT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER! RIGHT NOW I NO LONGER WANT TO RENT THIS PLACE OUT. I WANT TO SELL IT! SCRAM IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
EXCUSE ME... ISN'T THIS A SCHOOL UNDER A MISTER SHI?
THIS COMPOUND BELONGS TO ME. WHY, DO YOU KNOW THE TENANT? WANT TO BUY IT? RIGHT NOW, I'M ONLY SELLING, NOT RENTING!
Eh? Aren't you Xiao Yu?
I'M HIS FRIEND. I... I'M HELPING HIM TO TAKE CARE OF THE SCHOOL
Ah! Are you the new teacher? Teacher told us about you!
This landlord told us to buy the house, he said he's not renting it out anymore!
Teacher's school cannot be sold!
IT'S CHAOS OUT HERE. I'VE ALREADY MADE PLANS TO SEEK REFUGE IN JIANGNAN, SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH SELLING THE PLACE OFF?
H-HOW MUCH WILL IT COST...?
HMPH. THE LOCATION OF THIS PLACE IS GOOD AND IT'S BEEN KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BUYING, I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT AT A STEAL. ON ACCOUNT OF THESE TROUBLED TIMES, 500 TAELS!
RIDICULOUS! I WOULDN'T HAVE 500 TAELS EVEN IF I WERE TO SELL MYSELF OFF!
SCRAM IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY! I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW YOU'RE GONNA TAKE CARE OF SO MANY LITTLE RUNTS!
Y-YOU'RE DRIVING A HARD BARGAIN!
YIZHEN SET UP THIS SCHOOL WITH GREAT EFFORT...
Ah!
WHO CARES! LIKE I SAID, I'M ONLY SELLING, NOT RENTING IT OUT!
Xiao Yu! Xiao Yu!
Xiao Yu!
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Ah! It's elder sister---!
Sister! what's wrong with you?!
Don't panic. M-my shizong saved your sister...
As we didn't know our way around, we couldn't find a clinic even after running about for a long time. It was big brother's falcon that led us here...
SO ARE YOU BUYING THE PLACE OR NOT?!
Teacher's place cannot be sold!
This is our school!
You can't sell! You accepted the rent!
THIS IS MY PLACE!
Sister---!
Sister, Don't die---!
LIKE I TOLD YOU RENTING OUT AND SELLING THE PLACE ARE 2 DIFFERENT MATTERS!
Xiao Yu, don't cry!
We'll get our teacher to beat you up when he gets back! Liar!
Sister!
WHO LIED? I JUST WANT TO SELL THIS PLACE!
AHH--! STOP QUARRELLING! I'LL BUY UP THIS PLACE!
THERE'S NO HELPING IT SINCE YIZHEN'S NOT AROUND. WORSE COME TO WORST, I'LL SELL OFF THE PLACE LATER ON
MISS, YOU'RE A DECISIVE PERSON! SEE, I'M LOOKING TO SETTLE THIS QUICKLY, SO I'LL GIVE YOU A DISCOUNTED PRICE, 450 TAELS!
HAA? YOU'LL SHAVE OFF 50 TAELS AT ONE GO...?
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU SEEM LIKE A GENUINE BUYER. I'LL TAKE IT AS A CHANCE TO MAKE FRIENDS...
HOLD UP.
100.
Huh?!
HE'S RIPPING YOU OFF
WHO... WHO'S THE ONE DOING THE RIPPING OFF? LIKE I SAID, THE LOCATION'S GOOD. LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING OVER THIS! IF... IF 450 TAELS IS TOO EXPENSIVE, THEN... 400 TAELS!
COME WITH US. WE'LL GO ASK AROUND HOW MUCH THIS PLACE IS WORTH.
FORGET IT! 100 IT IS! I'LL GIVE YOU A DAY TO RAISE THE MONEY!
SEE, HE WAS TRYING TO RIP YOU OFF. THE TRUTH IS, HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS IN A HURRY TO SELL OFF THE PLACE SINCE HE WANTED TO LEAVE TAIYUAN. HOWEVER, HE WAS SHORT ON CASH. THE RENT ISSUE HASN'T BEEN SETTLED YET...
BUT, I DON'T EVEN HAVE 100 TAELS TO SPARE... GOOD HEAVENS. I'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR THINGS TO PAWN IN A BIT...
AH! LET'S BRING XIAO YU'S SISTER IN FIRST! EVERYONE, LET'S GO IN!
SIGH.
MISS QU
I'M SORRY. I TRIED MY BEST...
...No, wait! What I mean is, my medical skills are lacking. If my senior Sun Tan was here, she'd probably recover at a quicker rate!
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MISS QU, IF SHE ASKS ABOUT HER SAVIOUR, PLEASE DO NOT DESCRIBE MY FEATURES TO HER...
HUH? THEN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL HER IF SHE ASKS ME ABOUT IT...?
TELL HER IT WAS A PASSER BY
TCH! THIS PISSES ME OFF! THIS OPPORTUNITY DIDN'T COME BY EASILY. I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT SCHOOL OWNER'S ABSENCE.
THAT SILLY LASS SEEMED LIKE AN EASY TARGET...
WHAT, IT'S YOU AGAIN?! I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU TIME TO RAISE THE MONEY. WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
JUST WANTED TO ASK, DO YOU LIKE CALLIGRAPHY OR PAINTINGS?
WHAT?! NO!
I SEE. SPAR WITH ME. YOU MIGHT CHANGE YOUR MIND AFTER THAT.
WAIT! GOOD MAN, HEAR ME OUT BEFORE YOU RAISE YOUR FIST! I-I KNOW A FRIEND WHO LIKES THEM, OKAY?!
MISS, MY FRIEND HEARD YOU WERE SELLING CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS, SO I'VE BROUGHT HIM HERE TO TAKE A LOOK.
? ? ?
ACTUALLY, I'M NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THIS MAN. I'M NOT SURE WHY HE DRAGGED ME OUT HERE TO COLLECT CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS.
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT I'M SELLING THOSE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK...?
MISS. PLEASE.
THEY'RE RATHER ORDINARY HUH? AHAHAHA, THEY CAN BE DECORATIONS FOR ORDINARY HOUSE HOLDS.
NO... MISS, THEY'RE EXQUISITE. I'M WILLING TO BUY THEM. HOWEVER, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'D LIKE TO PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR...
...ABOUT THE RED PAINT YOU'VE GOT THERE...
AH... THAT WAS MADE USING THE FLOWERS AND HERBS FROM THE VALLEY. IT'S SOMETHING I MADE FOR FUN...
PLEASE SELL THE RECIPE TO ME. I PROMISE TO OFFER A REASONABLE PRICE.
...O-OKAY...
MY GOODNESS, THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY!


Xingzhan Xingzhan! Have you heard of the story of the 4 Refuges?
...No, I haven't!
What's that about?
It's that! "Find refuge in the holy cult, Brother Murong!"*
* T/N: THEY'RE REFERENCING A STORY FROM THE GAME. BROTHER MURONG REFERS TO MURONG ZHUFENG, AN NPC FROM JX3
Hahaha!
Haven't your shixiong told you about this story?
My shixiong has only told me about the "3 Intangible Thoughts"**
** THE 3 INTANGIBLE THOUGHTS" IS FROM THE DIAMOND SUTRA, A BUDDHIST WISDOM TEXT
YOU'RE AWAKE! YOU'LL BE FINE IN A FEW DAYS' TIME!
I REMEMBER PASSING OUT OUTSIDE THE CITY, BUT WHO WAS IT THAT SAVED ME? MISS QU, SURELY YOU MUST KNOW?
AH, I...
I'M NOT SURE EITHER...
IT WAS A BALD MONK!
HE SAID HIS NAME WAS "PASSER BY"!
CHOKE
INTERESTING! I WONDER WHY HE'D HAVE A SURNAME CALLED "PASSER" AND A GIVEN NAME "BY"?
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PFT.
THANK YOU
YOU'RE WELCOME! AS THE ADAGE GOES "MAKING ONE SMILE IS BETTER THAN BUILDING A SEVEN TIERED PAGODA" *
WHAT KIND OF GOD SAID THAT?
THE ACTUAL SAYING IS "SAVING ONE LIFE IS BETTER THAN BUILDING A SEVEN-TIERED PAGODA."
AMI QIUSHA**
** QIUSHA'S PUN ON AMITABHA (BUDDHA OF INFINITE LIGHT)
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
...MISS QU, THAT'S AN INTERESTING FRIEND YOU HAVE THERE.
...No hold on, thinking about it, I don't know this person at all. I can't figure him out. He seems to be teasing me. Was that what he was doing since Chang'an? Too many things happened today. I need some time to calm down and think. This somehow feels like the start of some kind of fated encounter...
THIS SIGNBOARD WAS MADE IN CHANG'AN. I BROUGHT IT HERE TO HANG IT UP... "CHUN HUA QIU SHI" SEEMED LIKE A FITTING PHRASE FOR THE SCHOOL.
BUT IT WASN'T ENGRAVED PROPERLY SO THE WORDS ENDED UP LOOKING LIKE THEY WERE WRITTEN WRONGLY... LET'S JUST MAKE DO WITH THIS FOR NOW. I'LL HAVE THIS REMADE NEXT TIME.
SIGH, EVEN THOUGH THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY IS SLIGHTLY SAFER, FOOD HAS GOTTEN MORE EXPENSIVE... WITH WINTER UPON US, I SHOULD GET THE BLANKETS CHANGED... WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FIREWOOD EITHER... WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE FOR DINNER...?
Aiyah! Can't catch me!
Hahaha!
This way, this way!
Brother Qiuban! Over here!
Aiyah!
Hahaha!
A COLLISION!
It doesn't count if it's Xiaoxiao! She's not playing with us!
I'M SO MAD. HERE I AM WRACKING MY BRAINS OVER FOOD, WHILE YOU GUYS ARE MESSING ABOUT!
SQUAT THERE AND DON'T MOVE ABOUT! HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR HOMEWORK? IF YOU HAVEN'T, YOU'RE FORBIDDEN FROM PLAYING WITH HIM!
Teacher's getting fiercer by the day!
HER TEMPER'S NOT GOOD BECAUSE SHE HASN'T EATEN CANDIES TODAY!
Will eating candies fix her temper?
YEAH!
What candies should we eat today, brother Qiuban?
YOU CAN'T EAT TOO MANY CANDIES BEFORE DINNER! ALL OF YOU, GO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!